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MCC to disconnect power, water supply of tax defaulters

Civic Body constitutes special recovery teams in all Nine Zones

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RK&BCT)- If you have not paid your property tax, then the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will pull the fuse of your house to disconnect power supply and also stop domestic water supply. Desperate to mop-up revenues, the cash-strapped City Corporation is resorting to desperate measures during desperate times.

Realising that its revenue collection drive is not up to the mark, the MCC, often criticised as its tax collection target is always pegged way below its actual potential, has decided to take punitive action against defaulters.

Property Tax and Water Tax default is a major problem that is faced by the MCC and as there is no enough revenue, it cannot plan any project to the city and always has to look forward to grants from the Government. Contractors are not co-operating with the civic body to initiate new projects as bills of several other works done in the past have not been cleared.

In another move, the MCC has intensified the property tax collection drive by constituting special recovery teams in all the nine Zones. As per the powers granted to it under Municipal Corporations Act 1976, the MCC has decided to effectively implement tax collection drives and accordingly, one Nodal Officer has been appointed for each Zone who will report directly to the MCC Commissioner.

Recovery team composition

MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Kumar Naik said that the special recovery team would comprise Zonal Assistant Commissioner, Development Officer, Assistant Revenue Officer, Revenue Inspector, Ward Engineer, Work Inspector and also Abhaya team members.

He further said that the team would first try to recover the property tax dues from the defaulter failing which power, water and UGD connections would be disconnected followed by legal steps to attach the property. He added that the entire operation would be monitored by the MCC Commissioner.

(See MCC on page 8)

Mayoral polls: JD(S) holds Party Corporators meeting

Mayor post reserved for BCA (Woman) and Deputy Mayor for SC

Mysuru, Dec.27 (MTY&DM)- With the State Government announcing reservation matrix for Mayoral polls of eleven City Corporations, including Mysuru, JD(S), which is the alliance partner of Congress in Mysuru City Corporation, held a meeting of its Corporators at MCC Guest House in Vontikoppal this morning.

After a delay of over a month, the State Government on Thursday had announced the reservation matrix for all the eleven City Corporations of the State. As per the notification, the Mayor post for the second term of the current tenure of the MCC has been reserved for Backward Class-A Woman (BCA-Woman) and Deputy Mayor post for Scheduled Caste (SC) candidate.

With the announcement of the reservation matrix, political activities have gained momentum in the JD(S) as the Party will get the Mayor post this time as per an understanding reached with its coalition partner Congress, when the two parties sealed the alliance last year, with Pushpalatha Jagannath of the Congress becoming the Mayor and Shafi Ahmed of the JD(S) getting elected as the Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor post then was reserved for Woman (General category) and the Deputy Mayor post was reserved for BCA candidate. The term of the current Mayor and Deputy Mayor ended on Nov.16 and the new Mayor was supposed to take office on Nov.17. But the delay in the announcement of the reservation matrix for the Mayoral polls, enabled Pushpalatha Jagannath and Shafi Ahmed to continue their office until the next Mayoral polls is held, the date of which is yet to be announced.

Today's JD(S) meeting was chaired by K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh, who has taken up the responsibility of organising the JD(S) in Mysuru district, with senior party leader and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devgowda staying away from Party activities since the fall of the coalition Government. The meeting was attended by all the 18 Party Corporators.

(See JD-S on page 8)

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Mind Power Learning Systems, Mysuru, has organised a free memory enhancement seminar for businessmen, students, professionals, doctors and engineers.
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Battling *black* money

The issue of possession of wealth conspicuously disproportionate to income, particularly by many resorting to unlawful means which figured in the columns of dailies for a while in recent past triggering people at large to talk excitedly and anticipate measures to channelise the booty for the benefit of society seems to have got sidelined amidst other events in public domain across the country involving the offending individuals in public life as well as the land's administration and the corporate sector. The ongoing raids on the premises of the high and the mighty in the country's political world by Enforcement Directorate (ED) staff followed by incarceration of some of them has given a dramatic twist to the Government's battle against *black* money. In the meanwhile, cash stashed by Indians yet to be identified for the sake of information to the public, in banks abroad, such as the Swiss Banks which maintain accounts of their customers said to be with numbers has faded from public memory. Readers of dailies had to be content raising their eyebrows on how the amount of tainted money estimated in astronomical proportions moved out of the country without the knowledge of the Government.

India's lay people may not have heard the expression *money laundering* until media started flashing reports with graphic details including names of society's prominent individuals charged with indulging in the offending act amounting to fraud. No small surprise if the spurt in Government's dramatic action to contain the unrelenting offenders tapers off in days ahead.

All is not well with the country's economic health, particularly the flow of cash into the treasury having believed the expectation of the top brass in the Finance Ministry, leading to heightened activity of the ED founded in 1956, the nation's law enforcement and economic *intelligence* agency ostensibly to *fight* economic crime in the country, including money laundering. For the benefit of the uninformed sections of society, money laundering is the illegal process of *concealing* the origins of money obtained unlawfully by passing cash through a complex sequence of bank transfers or commercial transactions, ultimately the amount of money returning to the launderer in an obscure way; without raising the suspicion of law enforcement agencies.

Black money at the command of the well-marked anti-national outfits daring the Government clandestinely funding disruptive activities across the country requires to be addressed on a war-footing. People's inputs into the working of the Government's functionaries battling black money need to be marshalled ingeniously.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

To many, learning to ride a bicycle is no big deal and it is true; one starts with a tricycle while being a toddler and graduates to smaller bikes with balance on the rear wheels, eventually learning to balance it on his own just as a bird learns to fly for the first time by fluttering its wings hard to ensure it does not crash. It is the first step to ride a motorbike and in Germany, kids learn to ride from a very early age. But that is seemingly still not so in many parts of the world, especially in many Middle Eastern, North African and South-East Asian countries where girls and women are either barred from the two-wheelers or actively discouraged from riding. — *Avik Das in Sunday Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Instructions to feed fox while dad's on holiday

London: A dad who has been feeding a wild fox extravagant meals when it visits his garden each night left his daughter a brilliant to-do list while he was away. Amy MacMillan was given instructions while she was left alone in the family home, but was surprised to see that her responsibilities included fixing dinner for an unexpected guest.

The well-fed fox has been visiting the family home for several months, where Amy's dad treats the furry friend two courses in the front garden.

To ensure the fox wouldn't be disappointed, he instructed his daughter to continue the evening feeds, which involves serving dinner at 6pm, before putting out a supper at 10pm.

The note read: "Foxes dinner 6pm. 3 bigger bits of chicken or 4 chicken drumsticks.

"Supper 10pm. 4 dog stick chews. Handful of biscuits."

Teacher uses her body to teach anatomy

London: A teacher has found a unique way to help her students understand human anatomy.

The teacher went above and beyond to help her students visualise her teachings during an anatomy class and won the admiration of thousands online for her efforts.

Verónica Duque, who has been teaching for 15 years, dressed up in a full-body suit which showed the placement of organs in her body after realising her young pupils struggled to understand the concept.

The teacher's husband posted photos of his wife teaching the students on social media with the caption: "Very proud of this volcano of ideas that I am lucky to have as a woman. "Today she explained the human anatomy to her students in a very original way. "The kids [were] freaking out. Great Verónica!" the post read.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Does eating sugar affect my bones?

Sugar has inflammatory properties, contributing to poor bone and joint health. Sugar spikes insulin, leading to a cascade of inflammatory symptoms. Counter these effects with anti-inflamatory foods: Coldwater fatty fish, chia and flax seeds, as well as curcumin and turmeric.

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SSLC exam time extended by 15 to 30 minutes

Bengaluru, Dec.27 (KMS & DM)- In the wake of changed question paper pattern for SSLC, the Karnataka State Secondary Examination Board (KSSEB) has decided to extend the exam time by 15 to 30 minutes. SSLC exam is scheduled from Mar.27 to April 9, 2020.

The time for Optional language paper has been extended by 15 minutes, while the time for second and third language papers has been extended by 30 minutes. However this extension is limited to only this academic year (2019-20).

The question paper pattern too has been changed, with a cut in multiple-choice questions and one sentence answer questions. Now there will be only 17 one sentence answer questions instead of the usual 23. Also the question paper will have 27 questions of 3 marks each.

UoM Distance education courses

Mysuru, Dec.27- The Directorate of Distance Education, University of Mysore, has invited applications from eligible students for admission to various Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate courses through distance education. The last date for applying without penalty is Jan.31, 2020 and with penalty is Feb.28,2020. For more details, log on to the University website: *http://dde.uni-mysore.ac.in* or call Ph: 0821-2419531.

National Consumer Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 27-As part of National Consumer Day celebrations, the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, have jointly arranged a consumer awareness programme on Dec. 28 at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, from 3 pm to 5.30 pm.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) is participating in this programme and its experts will offer advice on issues connected with electric supply. Interested public may attend the event.

The programme will be inaugurated by ZP CEO K. Jyothi. Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar will preside. Consumer Redressal Forum Member M.C. Devakumar, who will be the chief guest, will deliver a lecture on 'Consumer Rights and Responsibilities.'

Really...?

- ***Sound of bangles in a house keeps unwanted negative energy away.***
- ***As per Ayurveda, bones of women are weaker compared to men so in the ancient times ashes of gold and silver were used to provide energy to body. Because of the friction caused by gold and silver, their qualities and properties enter your body.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

On a Facebook page for beginning artists, one asked, *"Any suggestions for painting dogs?"*
Another responded, *"Wait till they're asleep!!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 71.21
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 92.57
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 79.19

VOICE OF THE READER

Road humps needed urgently

Sir,

The Ring Road from Bogadi junction takes right angle turn towards Netaji Circle near KEB Circle, now being put up with a board of Adichunchanagiri Seer late Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji. The left turn leads to Ramakrishnanagar Circle.

The vehicles coming from Bogadi side take sharp left turn with high speed making it difficult for the pedestrians to cross the double road to buy flowers, vegetables and Nandini products. Added to this, vehicles coming from Orchid School and CHESCom Office come on the wrong side. There is an absolute need of road humps or speed breaker barricade to slow down vehicles for the safety of the pedestrians.

Though traffic signal light posts have been placed long back, commissioning of the signals is not done for reasons known to authorities concerned. Will the authorities look into this?

—B.G. Balaji
on e-mail

Kanakadasanagar
25.12.2019

Diversion of KSRTC buses inconveniencing commuters

Sir,

Many KSRTC buses going towards Bengaluru and Pandavapura are taking a right turn near LIC and proceeding directly on Old Mysuru-Bengaluru Road causing great inconvenience to the passengers waiting in front of St. Philomena's College, Loyal World Bannimantap and JSS College in SS Nagar.

The authorities concerned may take steps to facilitate the commuters of KSRTC buses travelling towards Bengaluru, Pandavapura and beyond.

—N.K. Zai
Subashnagar
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NEWS BRIEFS

Dasoha lecture tomorrow

As part of Shivanubhava Dasoha Lecture Series-266, Sri Shivarathreeshwara Dharmika Datti of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, will be conducting a lecture programme on the topic 'Sharanarolagana Arivu' at No.1177, 'Sharanu', 2nd phase, JSS Layout, Lalitadripura, at 6 pm tomorrow (Dec.28). For details, call Ph. 0821-2548211/2548212.

Seminar

Marking Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 63rd Parinirvan Diwas, City's Jana Chaithanya Foundation, in association with Jai Bhuvaneshwari Seva Trust, will be conducting a seminar on the topic 'Indian Constitution-Current Challenges and the Responsibilities of Citizens' at Maneyangala, Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city at 4.30pm tomorrow (Dec.28). Karnataka Buddhadhamma Samiti General Secretary Prof. R. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the seminar. Social activist Prof. Shabbir Mustafa will preside. For details, call Mob: 92435-06024.

Health check-up camp tomorrow

The Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) will be conducting a health check-up camp for family members of the association members and journalists at its premises located near Akkana Balaga School on Thyagaraja Road, Agrahara, at 10.30 am tomorrow (Dec.28). Doctors and other medical staff from Government Ayurveda College, JSS Ayurveda College and Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital will take part. For details, call Mob: 99168-92343/98860-76957.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by Dhananjaya, senior theatre person, Mysuru, tomorrow (Dec. 28) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.50 ft
Yesterday	121.55 ft
Inflow	3,049 cusecs
Outflow	3,627 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.70 ft
Inflow	373 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Coffee growers seek debt-relief package from Finance Minister

'Market prices, erratic weather and increasing input costs making coffee cultivation unviable'

New Delhi, Dec.27- A delegation of coffee growers has demanded the Centre to implement schemes to revive the sector claiming that growers were facing a number of challenges including price crash, fall in production and increasing cost of production.

During a pre-budget meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the delegation comprising members from Karnataka Growers Federation (KGF), Karnataka Planters Association (KPA) and Codagu Planters Association (CPA) discussed long-term measures to be taken up to revive the plantation sector.

The delegation comprised KGF President U.M. Theerthamallesh, Vice-President Nanda Belliappa, KPA President Shreesh Vijeyendra, CPA President M.C. Kariyappa, Pradeep Poovaiah and others. The delegation's meeting with the Minister was facilitated by Union Minister for of Chemicals and Fertilisers D.V. Sadananda Gowda.

Karnataka is the largest producer of coffee in the country, accounting for over two-thirds of the output, followed by Kerala. Coffee growers in both these States have been witnessing erratic weather patterns over the past 5-6 years.

Rain fury

Heavy precipitation within a short duration has often triggered flooding and landslides in the key growing regions of Kodagu, Chikkamagalur and Wayanad. If it was parts of North Kodagu that bore the brunt of heavy rains and landslides last year, the growers in South Kodagu faced nature's fury this year.

Demanding a debt relief package for coffee growers, the delegation said a large number of planters were in debt due to low price, increasing production cost, drop in productivity due to consecutive droughts and floods for the past few years.

The planters also urged the Union Ministers to operationalise the joint task force set up by former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu for providing relief to planters for loss caused due to landslide and natural calamity.

Status on Indian Coffee 2019 report

The meeting took note of the 'Status on Indian Coffee 2019' prepared by Karnataka Growers Federation that mentioned that Karnataka's coffee production had fallen by around 40 per cent even as input costs had increased. Consistent, non-remuneration for drought, high incidence of pests and diseases, non-availability of credit and the exorbitant cost of labour had forced traditional coffee farmers to abandon their plantations, the report had said.

Coffee worth Rs. 2,200 cr. destroyed

"During the 2019 Kharif season, the Karnataka Government declared 80 taluks of 17 districts as flood-affected. These included the three coffee-growing districts of Kodagu (three taluks), Hassan (three taluks) and Chikkamagalur (four taluks). The three districts together produce more than 70 per cent of India's coffee. They reported crop losses between 33 and 50 per cent. Around 1,20,000 million tonnes of coffee, valued at Rs. 2,200 crore was destroyed due to flooding," the delegation told the Minister.

In addition to market prices and erratic weather, increase in cost of inputs like fertilisers has also caused misery among coffee farmers. Those who left coffee cultivation were being forced in many cases to sell their estates at distress prices. They usually shifted to growing and selling silver timber for meeting their immediate needs, the Minister was told.

Reduce GST rates

The delegation demanded the removal of specific rule 7B(1), which has become a major hindrance for most small coffee growers to take up value addition. "The process involves just milling and de-husking not amounting to change in form or intrinsic nature at any stage," Muralidhar S. Bakkaravalli, General Secretary, KGF said in a statement.

The delegation also requested the Government to reduce GST rate for fertilisers, pesticides and fungicides and maintain the fertiliser subsidy level and price in the coming financial year. They also demanded Government assistance in re-plantation, water augmentation, eco-certification and support for small growers' collectives or co-operatives for coffee marketing.

Student goes missing from city

Rachana

Mysuru, Dec.27 (KS)- An engineering student, who left her Paying Guest (PG) accommodation on Dec. 20, saying that she was going to Hospet for a medical check-up, has since gone missing.

The missing student is 20-year-old Rachana, daughter of Yallappa of Hospet. Yallappa in his complaint to Alanahalli Police has stated that her daughter has not reached Hospet nor has she returned back to her PG.

Those having any information about the missing student may contact Alanahalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418311 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Three booked for assault

Mysuru, Dec.27-Vijayanagar Police have booked three persons on charges of assaulting a woman. Those booked are Ravichandra, Arunchandra and Gayatri, residents of the city.

Saroja, a resident of Vijayanagar third stage, in her complaint to the Police on Dec.10, had accused Ravichandra, Arunchandra and Gayatri of entering her house under the pretext of asking for water on Dec.9 afternoon and assaulting her and her mother and also verbally abusing them.

Vijayanagar Police who have registered a case, are investigating.

Obituary

Pattada Chetticha (Shambu)

Mysuru, Dec.27- Pattada Chetticha (Shambu), a retired teacher, residing behind Rajarajeshwari Temple, Rajarajeshwarinagar, BEML Layout, passed away yesterday in city. He was 87.

He leaves behind his wife, daughter, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon, according to family sources.

C.N. Shivakumar

C.N. Shivakumar (35), a Service Engineer at Canon and a resident of Nivedithanagar passed away yesterday following cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind his wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Janata Nagar Burial Grounds yesterday.

Madegowda

Madegowda (86), a resident of Kumbarakoppal passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, five sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his native place this noon, according to family sources.

Akshara Dasoha workers stage demonstration

Mysuru, Dec.27(RKB&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their various demands, hundreds of Mid-day meal workers under the banner of Karnataka State Akshara Dasoha Workers Union, staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here yesterday.

The demands included social security for mid-day meal cooks and helpers, Health Insurance cover, paid leave and pension, among others. Claiming that there were over 5,300 mid-day meal workers serving in Mysuru district for the past 17 years and were paid an honorarium of just Rs. 2,600, they urged the government to pay them minimum Government wages, regularise their services and provide them all statutory benefits.

Trade Union leaders N. Muddukrishna,Chandrashekar Meti, Basavaraj and others took part in the protest.

Left Parties condemn attack on CPI Office at Bengaluru

Mysuru, Dec.27 (RKB&DM)- Strongly condemning the attack on the Communist Party of India's (CPI) State Office at Bengaluru, Left parties including CPI, CPI(M) and SUCI staged a demonstration near the Deputy Commissioner's Office here yesterday.

Urging the Government to arrest the culprits who attacked the CPI Office at Bengaluru and burnt two-wheelers parked there on Dec. 24 midnight, CPI General Secretary H.R. Sheshadri accused the BJP, Sangh Parivar and other Hindu outfits of being behind the attack. Alleging that the BJP Government had targeted the Left parties for supporting anti-CAA protests, he urged the Government to book the culprits behind the attack and punish them.

Recalling that a similar attack was made on the CPI Office at Bantwal a year ago, he alleged that the Police are yet to arrest the miscreants even after one year of the incident.

CPI office-bearers H.P. Ramakrishna, Basavaraj and Jayaram, SUCI office-bearers Yashodhara and Chandrashekar Meti, Swaraj India's Ugranarasimhegowda, Abhiruchi Ganesh, Suresh, Somaraje Urs and others took part.

Trade Unions to support Nationwide stir on Jan. 8

Mysuru, Dec.27 (PM&DM)- Announcing that various Trade Unions have called for a nationwide stir on Jan.8, 2020, seeking fulfilment of their demands, AITUC General Secretary H.R. Sheshadri has appealed the Labour Unions of Mysuru to extend support to the stir in order to make it a success.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Sheshadri said that the Trade Unions have put forward a 12-point charter of demands to the Government, which includes minimum wages of Rs. 21,000 and pension for workers, among others.

Alleging that the Union Government was pursuing anti-labour policies, he urged for strict implementation of labour laws, setting up of Labour Courts in all districts and a monthly pension for Rs.10,000 to all workers.

Accusing the Government of attempting to sideline Trade Unions by making amendments to the Apprentice Act, Sheshadri claimed that demonetisation and GST had badly hurt the small and medium-scale industries, rendering lakhs of workers jobless.

Asserting that the all India labour stir on Jan.8 is getting widespread support from all parts of the country, he said that a walkathon has been planned in Mysuru on Jan. 4 in support of the stir. A round table conference has been called at the AITUC Office in Saraswathipuram at 5 pm tomorrow (Dec.28), to discuss the preparations for the strike, he said and added that rallies and protests will mark the nationwide stir. AITUC office-bearers Chandrashekar Meti, Jayaram, H.P. Ramakrishna and others were present at the press meet.

Farmers to protest against Power Grid on Dec. 30

Mysuru, Dec.27(PM&DM)- Upset over the Government's move to draw Hiriyur-Mysuru 400 KV high tension power line over fertile lands at Yelwal and surrounding areas, farmers under the banner of KRRS will stage a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here on Dec.30.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, KRRS District General Secretary Hoskote Basavaraj alleged that the Hiriyur-Mysuru High Voltage power line is being drawn over fertile lands of farmers after altering the route under pressure from real estate mafia. Maintaining that the earlier route was more scientific, Basavaraj alleged that land developers and real estate mafia had forced the Government to change the route as it would badly hurt their interests.

Claiming that the power line that now passes over fertile lands, would pose a severe threat to standing crops and other farming activities, he said that the farmers would not allow the line to pass over fertile lands.

KRRS office-bearers P. Marankaiah, Prabhakar, Chandrashekar, Mahesh and others were present.

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Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's Parva turns 40!

National Symposium at Bengaluru on Sunday

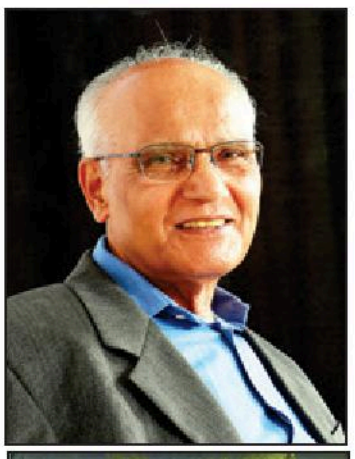
By Prof. G.L. Shekar

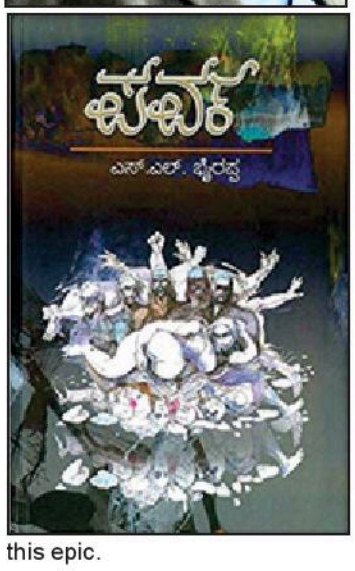
Parva, one of the masterpieces of modern Indian literature and the contemporary version of *Vyasa Bharata*, by India's foremost writer **Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa** turned 40 this year ! **To mark the occasion, S.L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratisthana, Mysuru and Kendra Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, are jointly organising a one-day National Symposium on *Parva* at Mangala Mantapa of NMKRV College, Jayanagar, Bengaluru on Sunday (Dec. 29) from 9.30 am.**

Jnanpith awardee and President of Kendra Sahitya Akademi, Dr. Chandrashekhara Kambara will inaugurate and deliver the inaugural address.

The other speakers include: Shatavadhani Dr. R. Ganesh, Litterateur from Bengaluru; Dr. Makarand R. Paranjape, Poet, English Literary Critic and Director-Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla; Dr. Madhav Koushik, Hindi Writer and Vice-Chairman, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi; Dr. Aruna Dhere, poetess and Marathi novelist from Pune and President of Marathi Sahitya Sammelan-2019 and Dr. H. R. Vishwasa, Sanskrit scholar and translator of *Parva* into Sanskrit, the language in which Vyasa wrote the original story. Dr. Ganesh will also conduct a panel discussion with these speakers.

Parva was first published in the year 1979. As Dr. Bhyrappa thought about the historical veracity of the events of the Mahabharata during his early days of writing, by 1971 he was deeply engaged in serious research pertaining to the historicity of the epic. He investigated into the economic, political, religious and social life during the last phase of the Vedic culture. Dr. Bhyrappa did extensive research on the social life, food habits, geography and the cultural problems of





this epic.

During the years 1974-75, Dr. Bhyrappa toured many parts of the Himalayan region that were associated with Mahabharata. He visited and studied Dwarka Aravali ranges, Viratnagar, Mathura, Delhi, Kurukshetra, Hastinavati, Barnava, Chakranagar, Rajgir and other places connected with the epic. He studied the original Sanskrit text of Vyasa and analysed its characters and situations. He removed the mythical elements of the original and created a novel of the ancient story from the contemporary realistic angle.

Dr. Bhyrappa has penetrated Vyasa's myths and discovered the human feelings and experience filling the situations and characters with natural human behaviour. He wrote *Parva* between October 1975 and December 1976 and it was published in 1979.

Dr. Bhyrappa says that "the greatest epic of the world written by Vyasa is an ocean of story, philosophy and clash of values which rightly deserves the applause. It contains everything found in all other literatures and there is nothing elsewhere which is not in the Mahabharata."

21 reprints in Kannada

Since 1979, *Parva* has gone into 21 reprints in Kannada and several reprints in the translations of major languages — Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam. It may be recalled here that Kendra Sahitya Akademi declared *Parva* as the 20th century Indian classic and translated into English.

Prof. K. Raghavendra Rao, who has translated *Parva* into English, says that *Parva* is transformation of an ancient legend into a modern novel. In this process, it has gained national credibility and a human perspective. The Bharata war, symbolic of the birth pangs of a new world-order, depicts a heroic but vain effort to arrest the disintegration and continue the prevailing order. It is viewed from the stand points of the partisan participants and judged with reference to the objective understanding of Krishna. Narration, dialogue, monologue and comment all are employed for its presentation. Shot through with irony, pity and understanding objectivity, the novel *Parva* ends with the true tragic vision of faith in life and hope for mankind, he says.

Also, this symposium signifies culmination of the first ***Parva* Study Circle** deliberations held over one year at Bengaluru at the houses of various literary enthusiasts on Sundays. Parva Study Circle is the brainchild of Shatavadhani Dr. R. Ganesh. It is proposed to start the Study Circle in Mysuru as well soon.

On this occasion, Dr. Bhyrappa will speak on *"Celebrated Indian Literary Masterpiece - Parva."*

Day-long symposium on literary works of Dr. V.K. Gokak on Dec.29

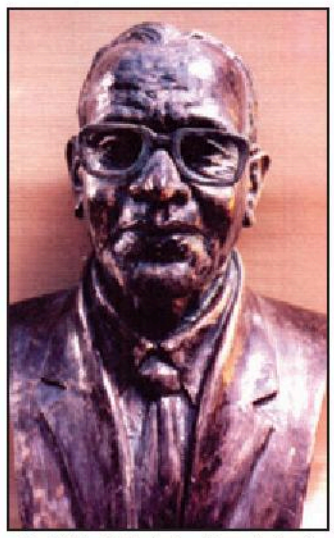
Mysuru, Dec. 27 - Marking 110th birth anniversary of *Jnanpith* Award winner Dr. Vinayaka Krishna Gokak, Parampare, Mysuru in association with Vinayaka Krishna Gokakara Abhimanigala Balaga has organised a symposium on literary works of Dr. V.K. Gokak titled *'Vinayaka Vagmaya Darshana,'* at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar on Dec. 29 from 10.30 am to 6 pm.

The programme will be inaugurated by Retired Deputy Director of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) Dr. B.B. Rajapurohit. Retired Secretary to the Government of India Anil Gokak (son of Dr. V.K. Gokak) will be the chief guest. Retired English Professor K.B. Prabhuprasad will preside.

The symposium will begin with a talk by Anil Gokak about life and works of Dr. V.K. Gokak at 11 am followed by *'Gokakara Geetha Gaayana'* by vocalist Vidu. Indrani Anantharam at 11.45 am.

Assistant Kannada Professor Dr. Shailaja Koppar will deliver a lecture on the topic *'Bharata Sindhu Rashmiyalli Samanvaya Prajne'* at 12.15 pm followed by a lecture on the topic *'Gokakara Kadambari - Samarasave Jeevana'* by Retired Principal Prof. S.R. Ramesh at 1 pm.

In the afternoon session, retired English Professor H.R. Amarnath will deliver a lecture on *'Pravadi mattu Bharata Sindhu Rashmi'* at 2.30 pm followed by Kavyavaachana of *'Yami-Yamara Agnidivya'* (selected from Bharata Sindhu Rashmi) by Dr. Jyoti Shankar (Vyaakhyaana) and Gamaki K. Ramachandra (Vaachana) at 3.15 pm.



Dr. V.K. Gokak bust sculpted by V.A. Deshpande.

Retired Principal Dr. H.S. Umesh will speak about *'Gokakara Natakagalu'* at 3.45 pm followed by a lecture *'Gokakara Kavitegalu – Ondu Anusandhana'* by Dr. Santosh Chokkadi at 4.30 pm.

The valedictory function will be held at 5.15 pm. Rajyotsava Award winner and sculptor V.A. Deshpande will be felicitated on this occasion. Retired Principal of Banumaiah College Prof. S. Shivaji Jois will deliver the valedictory address.

Eminent poet, creative writer

Born on 9th August 1909 at Savanur in Haveri district, Dr. V. K. Gokak was an eminent poet and a creative writer of not only Karnataka but also India. His father Krishnaraya was a lawyer.

Gokak did his M.A. in English literature with first class and started his career as a lecturer in CSP College of Pune in Maharashtra. While working in Fergusson College, he was sent to Oxford University for higher education. He was the first Indian to get first class in Oxford University.

After returning from England, he worked as Principal of Willingdon College of Sangli in Maharashtra. He also worked in Karnataka College of Dharwad where he came under the influence of famous poet Bendre. He worked in higher positions in Central Institute of English and Other Foreign Languages in Hyderabad and Central Institute of Higher Studies in Shimla. He was also appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University and Satya Sai Institution for Higher Studies.

Prof. Gokak, who was sent to many countries like Japan, USA, England and Belgium as cultural ambassador, has authored many works in English and Kannada. He was awarded *Jnanpith* in 1991 considering his outstanding contribution to Kannada literature for the period 1969-1984. It was for the first time the *Jnanpith* award was given to an author without mentioning any particular book. Prime Minister of India came to Mumbai to present the award to Prof. Gokak.

The Report by the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gokak regarding language policy in education system of Karnataka became popular as 'Gokak Report' which made Kannada as the first language in High Schools.

— Kru. Ramachandra

Dharege Doddavaru: Night-long rendition of poems next month

Mysuru, Dec.27(MK&US)- Heeding to the demand of art lovers of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar, the Department of Kannada and Culture has decided to organise 'Dharege Doddavaru' for the second time during the second week of January next. The programme will feature a night-long rendition of poems of Madeshwara-Manteswamy.

Disclosing this to *Star of Mysore*, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Chennappa said that the unique programme will be held in association with Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Limited which has provided a fund of Rs. 4 lakh under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme. He said that the programme would be held at the premises of Kalamandira to be attended by hundreds of art lovers from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar.

He recalled that over 200 people had gathered for the first such programme held in November 2018 to listen to the poems all through the night.

Chennappa further said that the selection process of artistes was going on. He added that 10 teams each with 5 to 10 members would be selected for the programme which would include prominent artistes who had performed last year.

Winter Festival draws

1.10 lakh visitors in three days

Supreme Court Judge Justice Ashok Bhushan along with his wife visited the Flower Show at Mysore Palace yesterday. They are seen with Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya.

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MK&SD)- The fourth edition of Winter Festival is drawing a huge crowd every day and has turned out to be a big hit among visitors. The Festival began on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and will end on Thursday, Jan. 2.

The star attraction of this year's Winter Festival is the Flower Show inside Mysore Palace premises. Around 1.10 lakh visitors have flocked the sprawling Palace from Dec. 24 to till yesterday. On an average, the Mysore Palace gets 10,000 to 15,000 tourists daily and during holidays. During December, the number increases to 25,000 - 30,000. Annually, the Palace attracts more than 30 to 35 lakh domestic and international tourists.

Tourists from all parts of the country including Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu as well as all the districts of the State are flocking the Flower Show venue in large numbers every day.

The 70-year-old Maruti from Maharashtra said, *"Bahut Accha Hai, Phul Bahut Sundar Hai,"* while 75-year old Mahalakshmi from Chennai expressed her excitement by saying *"Beautiful collection of flowers, really very hard work."*

Flower Show inside Mysore Palace premises is featuring a number of life-size models created using wide variety of flowers and include a replica of Bangalore Palace made using 4 lakh flowers, ISRO's satellite launch, Shivakumara Swamiji, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar sitting on the golden throne, Swami Vivekananda's portrait among others.

An array of flowers including chrysanthemum, orchids, roses, dahlia, petunia, celosia and many other such species have been used to create these replicas. As flowers in full bloom last only for few days, all these flower species will be replaced and overhauled with new set of flowers on Dec. 28 and Dec. 29 at night time, Palace sources said.

SC Judge Ashok Bhushan visits Flower Show

The Flower Show had a VIP visitor in Supreme Court Judge Ashok Bhushan and his wife Sushma Bhushan yesterday.

They were received by Palace Board officials. Special mementos, Mysore Mallige and Mysore Betel leaf saplings were given to the couple on the occasion of their visit to the Palace.

Justice Ashok Bhushan and his wife enjoyed the ongoing Winter Flower Festival at Palace premises and expressed their happiness for replicating the rich art and cultural heritage of Mysuru through flowers. Ashok Bhushan's note in Visitors Book says: *"Visit to Mysore Palace and Flower Show is one of the most memorable moments."*

Selfie-seekers' paradise

Many visitors were seen busy clicking selfies near the flower replicas of Bangalore Palace and other such floral models at the Flower Show. It has now become a favourite spot for enthusiastic youths to take photos and share it on social media. Picture above shows Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra clicking a selfie with his wife M. Sheela on the inaugural day.

Swachh Survekshan-2020: MCC delegation requests Pramoda Devi Wadiyar to be its Brand Ambassador

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (YDS&BCT)- Gearing up for the next annual Swachh Survekshan-2020 under Swachh Bharat Mission launched by Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities met the member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar at her residence in Mysore Palace yesterday and requested her to be the Brand Ambassador this year.

The MCC delegation was led by Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde. Meeting Pramoda Devi, the delegation told her that the annual exercise of identifying the Cleanest City in India would begin soon and along with the MCC's efforts to keep the surroundings clean, the participation of citizens too is important. And for this, a Brand Ambassador is needed to establish a direct connect with Mysuru residents. The delegation urged her co-operation to get back the Cleanest City Tag that the MCC had consecutively gained in 2015 and 2016 but eventually lost to other cities later.

Speaking to reporters, Pramoda Devi said that the MCC delegation had urged her to be the Brand Ambassador but she would not be there in Mysuru for a few days due to prior engagements. "Whether I am a Brand Ambassador or not, Mysuru is my beloved city as I am born and brought up here and I am ready to extend my cooperation to anything that benefits Mysuru," she said.

On the importance of public participation in cleanliness activities, she regretted that the public have not desisted from using plastic despite many awareness campaigns carried out by the MCC and several NGOs and voluntary organisations. People must use bio-degradable materials like cloth bags and paper covers.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath said that the Swachh Survekshan would begin from Jan. 4, 2020 and with this background, the MCC had requested Pramoda Devi Wadiyar to be the MCC Brand Ambassador and she had consented to the proposal.

"We have already visited the house of cricketer Javagal Srinath and requested his cooperation this time too like last year. He will be requested to be a part of meetings at Corporation where he can give suitable suggestions. The ultimate aim is to bring back the Cleanest City recognition to Mysuru. The city stands in the third position now and efforts will be made to secure the top slot," she said.

MCC Health Standing Committee Chairman Ramesh (Ramani), Health Officers Dr. D.G. Nagaraju and Dr. Jayanth, Environmental Engineer Maithri and others were present.

Mysuru-Kalaburagi flight takes to skies

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RK&BCT)- One more new daily flight has been added to Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) and the flight took off to the skies from the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli this morning. This flight will go to Bengaluru and then proceed to Kalaburagi.

This Kalaburagi flight will be in addition to the flight services operated from Mysuru to Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Goa. At present, the Mysuru-Kochi flight has been cancelled till March 2020 due to runway re-carpeting works at Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) and sources said that the same Mysuru-Kochi planes have been scheduled for Mysuru-Bengaluru-Kalaburagi route now.

The new daily flight to Kalaburagi is expected to boost travel to North Karnataka from Mysuru. A new airport at Kalaburagi was inaugurated recently. The flight takes off from Mysore Airport at 8.30 am and this morning, due to first day arrangements, the flight took off at 9 am, 30 minutes late with 28 passengers.

Alliance Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India, is operating the Kalaburagi flight. The flights will be operated under *Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik* (UDAN) in the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) launched by the Union Civil Aviation Ministry. The airline has deployed its 70-seater luxurious aircraft on this sector.

From Monday to Sunday (except Tuesdays) flight 9I 897 will depart from Mysuru at 8.30 am and arrive in Bengaluru at 9.10 am. Flight 9I 509 will depart Bengaluru at 9.50 am and arrive in Kalaburagi at 11.25 am. Flight 9I 510 will depart from Kalaburagi at 11.50 am and arrive in Bengaluru at 1.30 pm. Flight 9I 898 will depart Bengaluru at 2 pm and arrive in Mysuru at 2.50 pm.

On Tuesday, Flight 9I 897 will depart from Mysuru at 10.25 am and arrive in Bengaluru at 11.05 am. Flight 9I 509 will depart Bengaluru at 11.40 hrs and arrive in Kalaburagi at 1.20 pm. Flight 9I 510 will depart from Kalaburagi at 1.45 pm and arrive in Bengaluru at 3.25 pm. Flight 9I 898 will depart Bengaluru at 3.45 pm and arrive in Mysuru at 4.40 pm.

JD(S) holds meeting of Corporators

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Addressing Corporators, Mahesh announced that the alliance with Congress will continue. JD(S) will get the Mayor post this time. There are four woman aspirants — Reshma Banu of Ward 17, Namratha Ramesh of Ward 22, Taslima of Ward 26 and K. Nirmala of Ward 45, all from BCA category, he said.

Mahesh held one-on-one talks with each of the four aspirants and tried to convince them to name one among them. But as all of them insisted on becoming the Mayor, Mahesh said that he would discuss the issue with the party High Command. Mahesh also appealed all the party Corporators to stay united.

Speaking to media, Mahesh said that with the threat of 'Operation Lotus' of the BJP looming large, all the 18 JD(S) Corporators have been asked to stay united. Replying to a query on Chamundeshwari JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowda's absence at the meeting, Mahesh said that GTD was very much with JD(S).

City JD(S) President K.T. Cheluvegowda, former Mayors R. Lingappa and M.J. Ravikumar, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed and others were present.

The 65-member MCC has 22 members from BJP, 19 from the Congress, 18 from JD(S), one from BSP and five Independents. The polls to the 65-member civic body was held in August last year. Pushpalatha Jagannath of the Congress became the Mayor and Shafi Ahmed of the JD(S) became the Deputy Mayor in the last Mayoral polls held on Nov.17, 2018.

MCC to disconnect power, water

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Disclosing the statistical data, Kumar Naik said that Mysuru City has 1,58,156 general properties and 25,379 revenue properties. In all, there are 1,83,535 properties. Of the general properties, there are 13,972 house sites and 1,34,871 houses and 1,34,871 commercial properties.

Till Dec. 21, the target was to achieve a collection of Rs. 160,07,859 and of this, Rs. 105.58 crore has been collected and Rs. 55.19 crore is pending. Of the 25,379 revenue properties, there is a tax demand of Rs. 13,98,65,809 from 2,613 house sites, 22,269 houses and 497 commercial properties and Rs. 4,70,85,890 has been collected with Rs. 9,27,29,000 pending.

Hotel owners pay up

There are 80 government buildings within the MCC limits that have a huge backlog of taxes. "We have taken steps to effectively collect taxes and notably, on Dec. 23, we have collected Rs. 82 lakh from the owner of Mysore Hotel Complex on Bengaluru-Neelgiri Road, who had a tax backlog since the last three years," Kumar Naik said.

Interestingly, soon after the drive was launched, a hotel owner who had over Rs. 8 lakh tax dues, paid up on the spot when MCC officers knocked at his doors as part of the drive.

Several property owners paid half of their property tax to the officers and promised them to clear the dues soon.

For those who have not paid property tax so far due to some issue with the property, land or the building, MCC officers are providing on-the-spot solutions. Officers from all the 9 Zones of the MCC have prepared a list of defaulters and are visiting each house with the list and urging residents to pay their taxes.

Punitive action

According to MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, the MCC will disconnect water and power supply if they don't oblige and pay taxes.

"Action will be taken as per the provisions of Karnataka Municipality Act. All the officers have been instructed to strictly collect the dues and shore up revenues," he added.

The quality of services provided by the MCC is deteriorating despite increase its budget size, the major portion of it that came in the form of government grants and not from the taxes collected. But for liberal grants by the Government, the services would have been even worse.

JSS Science and Technology Varsity Convocation on Dec. 28

Mysuru, Dec. 27 - JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU) is conducting its '2nd Convocation' at its campus in city on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 4 pm.

This was revealed by Vice-Chancellor of JSS Science and Technology University Dr. L. Jawahar Nesan at a press conference held at The Quorum Hotel, Vinoba Road in city yesterday.

M.Tech (167), 15 M.Sc. Chemistry, 68 MCA, 107 MBA, 37 MBA Corporate Finance and 21 MBA Retail Management candidates will be awarded degree after having duly completed all the requirements for the award of the said degrees. 22 medals will be awarded to the students, out of which 17 medals are for students who have scored highest marks in respective branches and also, 5 Endowment Medals will be awarded.

Degree and medals for the achievers of all the branches will be conferred by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. Dr. Rajkumar Khatri, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary & Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka will be the Chief Guest and deliver the Convocation Address.

The members of Board of Governors, Board of Management and Academic Council will be participating in the function. Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Dr. K.N. Udayakumar, Controller of Examinations will administer the oath for the degree holders. Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, Advisor, Technical Education Division; Dr. L. Jawahar Nesan, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Science and Technology University; Dr. K.S. Lokesh, Registrar, JSS Science and Technology University, will be present.

Swaraamrutha, musical evening in aid of special children tomorrow

Arijit Singh

Shreya Ghoshal

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (KS) - Swara Saagara Music Foundation, in association with Shri Mahalakshmi Sweets and Bhima Properties, has organised Swaramrutha-4, an annual mega event, in support of 'Karunamayee,' a training school for special children at Niveditha Nagar in city. The concert will be held on Dec. 28 (tomorrow) from 5 pm at Kalamandira.

Bollywood playback singers Arijit Singh and Shreya Ghoshal will be singing a collection of hit songs along with reality show toppers — Manasa Holla, Shubha Raghavendra, Ashwin Prabhu, Zubin Paul, Shreya Bhat, Tanushree and Ankita Amar.

The singers will be accompanied by Deepak and Veeresh on keyboard, Raghunath on percussions, Vinay Rangadhol on rhythm pad, Pradeep Kiggal on base guitar and Kiran on dolak. Special children will also be performing on the occasion.

Industrialist A. Mariyappa and his wife Jayaratna will be the chief guests.

The event will be presided over by movie maker of 'Neerdose' and 'Siddlingu' fame Vijay Prasad, Mahalakshmi Sweets & Bhima Properties Managing Director Shivakumar and Managing Partner of Tapovan Estates K. Sriram.

Entry is free and those interested are requested to be seated by 5 pm.

No power supply on Dec. 29

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Dec. 29 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Hebbal Power Distribution Centre: Hebbal and surrounding areas, Kumbarakoppal, Toll Gate, Vani Vilas Layout, Mahadeshwara Layout, Subashnagar, Surya Bakery, Vijayanagar, Railway Layout, Abhishek Circle, Madegowda Circle, M.G. Koppal, Outer Ring Road, Hampi Circle, KIADB Industrial Housing Layout, L&T Factory surrounding areas, Rane Madras and surrounding areas, JK Tyres, Mysore Steels.

Metagalli: Hebbal Industrial area, Metagalli, Brindavan Layout, Lokanayakanagar, Jayadevanagar, B.M. Srinagar, Hebbal 1st, 2nd and 3rd stages, Subramanynagar, Basavanagudi, SBM Bank, Lakshmikanthanagar, KIADB Layout, Mayura Circle, Military Quarters, RBI, Vikrant Main Plant, Belagola Industrial Area, Basaveshwaranagar, surroungings of Metagalli Industrial area, according to a press release from CESC.

Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple to distribute 2 lakh laddus on New Year

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RK&KS) - Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar 1st Stage in city, will be distributing two lakh *laddus* to the devotees visiting the temple in Jan. 1, 2020 on the occasion of New Year.

Disclosing this at a press meet at the temple premises this morning, Temple Founder Sri Bashyam Swamiji said that the *laddus* will be distributed from 4 am to 12 midnight on Jan. 1. Twenty quintal *Puliyogare* will be distributed to the devotees, he added.

Continuing, he said that about 50 cooks have been preparing the *laddus* since Dec. 20 by using 100 quintal sugar, 50 quintal Chickpea flour *(Kadale hittu)*, 4,000 litres oil, 200 kg cashew, 200 kg dry grapes, 100 kg Badami, 200 kg Diamond Sugar, 500 kg Bura Sugar, 10 kg Pista, 20 kg Elachi, 20 kg Nutmeg *(Jakai)*, 5 kg *Pacha Karpura* and 100 kg cloves. He added that 10,000 laddus weighing 2 kg and 2 lakh laddus weighing 200 grams each are being prepared.

Temple Administrator N. Srinivas was present at the press meet.

GTD performs *guddali puja* for slew of development works

Mysuru, Dec.27(RK&DM)- A day after Solar Eclipse, Chamundeshwari JD(S)MLA and former Minister G.T. Devegowda performed *guddali puja* (ground breaking ceremony) to a slew of development works in his constituency this morning.

The works included storm water drain works near MUDA shopping complex in Vijayanagar Third Stage (Rs.25 lakh), construction of drain and cross drains near the park at 'B' Block in Vijayanagar third stage, development of the circle (Nirmiti Kendra Junction) at 'B' Block in Vijayanagar third stage (Rs.20 lakh), cleaning and developmental works of Hinkal Burial Grounds, construction of drain and cross-drains at 'E, F & G' Blocks in Vijayanagar third stage, infrastructure development works in second phase of Vijayanagar fourth stage, re-asphalting of certain roads in second phase of Vijayanagar fourth stage, water pipeline works in second phase of Vijayanagar fourth stage (Rs.50 lakh), laying of roads and road development works at Hinkal and other road related works at Hinkal.

Devegowda also inspected the area around Aishwarya Hospital in Vijayanagar Third stage where there were complaints of underground drainage and storm water drainage problems, storm water drainage construction works at Vijayanagar third stage and the developmental works going on at some parks in Vijayanagar. The MLA directed the officials to take appropriate measures for addressing civic problems and for infrastructure improvement in the area.

MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, MUDA Superintending Engineer Prabhakar, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda and other officials were present.

Horticulture Department calling experts, retired officers

Mysuru, Dec. 27- District Horticulture Department has invited applications from experts/institutions/experienced and qualified horticulturists/agricultural scientists, educationists and retired officers to visit around 1,000 farmers' land of all the taluks of the district and provide private extension service by providing necessary guidance and suggestions to farmers for the year 2019-20.

For details, contact respective Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture in the region or Ph: 0821-2430450 – Mysuru; 08228-255262 – HD Kote; 08222-252447 – Hunsur; 08233-262792 – KR Nagar; 08221-226201 – Nanjangud; 08223-273535- Periyapatna and 08227-260086, - T. Narasipur, according to a release.

Karnataka: NPR updation exercise slated for April-May 2020

Bengaluru, Dec. 27- The updation of National Population Register (NPR) will be taken up in Bengaluru and elsewhere in Karnataka along with Phase I of the Census 2021 exercise, beginning from April 15, 2020.

The actual enumeration of persons for Census-2021 is slated to be done in Phase II from Feb. 9 to 28 in 2021. Phase 1 of the Census exercise, the house listing and housing census, and the NPR updation will end on May 29, 2020.

Announcing the details of Census-2021 here yesterday, S.B. Vijay Kumar, Director of Census Operations in Karnataka, said, "Persons are counted at their places of availability during the enumeration period between Feb. 9 and 28 in 2021. Data for NPR will be updated along with house listing and housing census. A mobile application has been developed for the enumerators."

Kumar, a Haryana cadre IAS Officer, who chaired a meeting of officials earlier in the day, made it clear that citizens need not panic over NPR and it has nothing to do with the ongoing CAA-NRC controversy.

While stating that citizens need not produce any documents as proof during the updation of NPR and no officer will demand the same, he, however, said: "Details of Aadhaar number, PAN, Voter ID Card and Driving Licence number would be sought during NPR updation, but it is up to the citizens to share them. They can decline to furnish the details, but it won't affect updation and they will not be excluded from NPR."

"The Union Home Minister has already clarified that CAA-NRC has nothing to do with NPR," Kumar said, adding that NPR is governed by the Citizenship Act 1955 which was amended in 2003.

Kumar said most of the entries during the census are numeric and census house numbers will be four-digit serial numbers. There would be 34 questions on the condition of the house.

It will have questions on amenities available in the house, the main cereal consumed by occupants, their assets such as mobile phones, vehicles and much more, he added. Population enumeration will have 28 questions in descriptive and coded pattern such as relationship to head, religion, caste, mother tongue and other languages known, highest educational level attained, occupation, nature of industry, place of birth and place of last residence.

City Gears Up for New Year's Eve Celebrations at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Mysore

Mysuru, Dec 24: Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Mysore, the city's premier luxury hotel, has announced its annual New Year Party. The event – Club Blu 2020 –themed as a clubbing night with dance floor, promises non-stop fun, entertainment and excitement.

The night, with Mehfil – the ballroom at the hotel – as the venue, will feature the acclaimed DJ Freddy and the charming DJ Avisha. Ticket holders, couples and singles, will have access to unlimited food and beverages and a chance to win exciting stay vouchers. Doors open at 8pm and the event is curated by Chirag Events. For tickets, call: 8884445053/5054.

For those not in the mood for clubbing, the hotel also offers a classy, open air, gala dinner night at the poolside lawns. Titled 'Uncork 2020', the highlight of the event will be an exclusive New Year's Eve dinner, with Emcee Nagashree compering the event and Beat Boxer Jeswin Jash leading the entertainment. With live music, karaoke, games, gifts and free stay vouchers for the lucky few thrown in, the crowd is sure to be on the edge of their seats. For reservations, call: 8884445053/5054.

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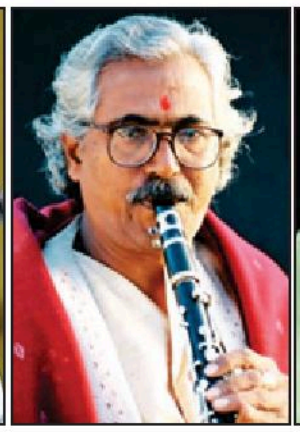
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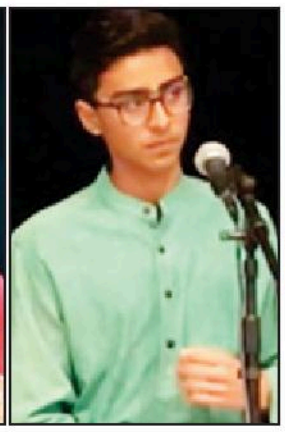
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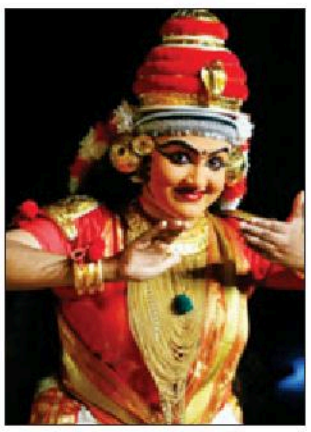
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The long-awaited 33rd Edition of National-level Classical Dance and Music Festival of Veterans ***Parangathotsava-2019*** under the aegis of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru, will be held from Dec.28 to Dec. 31 between 6 pm and 9 pm at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road.

This year the festival will be inaugurated by Madhuri Thathachari of Bhramara Trust and presided by art patron K.V. Murthy. The chief guest will be H. Chennappa, Assistant Director, Kannada and Culture and P. Krishna Kumar, Secretary, Parampare. The guests of honour will be K.S.N Prasad, Secretary, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and C.R. Himamshu, Secretary, SPVGMC Trust, Mysuru.

This year the following veterans of international repute are participating in the fest:

Dec. 28: Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy (Bharatanatyam)

A danseuse par excellence, versatile choreographer of repute and a venerated Guru of Bharatanatyam Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, has turned very much a phenomenon in the Indian classical dance scenario over the past five decades and more of her career. Vasundhara is sought after Vasundhara School (Vasundara Bani).

While her performances are manifestations of the profound Terpsichorean ingenuity marked by impromptu improvisations esoteric foot work and bewitching histrionic propensities, her myriad choreographies encompassing a wide spectrum of spiritual and secular themes are striking paradigms of her inventive brilliance.

Small wonder that accolades and encomiums have been showered upon Vasundhara from an early age and she is the youngest recipient of the Karnataka Kala Tilak, the prestigious award from the Karnataka Sangeetha Nrithya Academy. Even as her academic background, a post -graduate degree in folklore and a doctorate for the thesis Bharatanatyam and Yoga vouches for a strong penchant for interdisciplinary approach.

Panchali noted for its singular adoption of Yakshagana music to Bharatanatyam is a standing testimony to this sensibility. She is the only choreographer so far who was has ventured to produce Saama Veda, the fountain-head of Indian classical music in Bharatanatyam. She is also a consummate exponent of martial arts of Tang-ta and Kalaripayattu.

Dec. 29: Vidwan O.S. Thyagarajan (Vocalist)

Born on April 3, 1947, O.S. Thyagarajan is a Karnatak Musician based in Chennai. He is the son and disciple of Sangeetha Booshanam O.V. Subrahmanyam. He learnt music from Sangeetha Kalanidhi T.M. Thyagarajan, while Padma Bhushan Lalgudi Jayaraman provided guidance early in his career.

As A top graded artiste of the All India Radio and Doordarshan, he has been giving a large number of concerts and has been accompanied by top accompanists such as Lalgudi G. Jayaraman, M.S. Gopalakrishnan, V.V. Subrahmanyam on violin, Palghat Mani Iyer, Dr. T.K. Murthy, Palghat Raghu, Karaikudi Mani, Trichy Sankaran, Umayalpuram, Suvaraman on mridanga, G. Harishankar on Kanjira and Vikku Vinayakaram on ghata. He has worked as Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts at Annamalai University for 5 years and has trained many disciples who are active on concert circuit.

Dec. 30: Clarinet Artiste Pt. Narasimhalu Vadavati

Hailing from Raichur, Karnataka Pt. Vadavati was born on Jan. 21, 1942, as the son of Buddappa, a tabla artiste and Rangamma, an accomplished singer. He has inherited the Gwalior Gharana from Pt. Panchakshari Gawai and Jaipur Gharana from Pt. Dr.Mallikarjun Mansur and Pt. Siddarama Jambaladinni. This Gayaki style is also a unique achievement on clarinet because the instrument is very difficult to master. Clarinet is primarily a western instrument and he had to accurately adopt it to Hindustani Ragaas.

The International Clarinet Association [ICA] conducted International Clarinet Fest-2011 during August 3 to 7, 2011 at Los Angeles, California and Pt. Vadavati was conferred the honour of India Chair of Clarinet Fest 2011. This was a proud achievement for India since he is the first ever Indian to be conferred such an honour.

In Clarinet Fest-2011, all performers from different parts of the world were playing in western style but Vadavati was the only artiste to play in Indian Traditional Hindustani Classical style. This was a very special and memorable experience for all attendees.

Founder of Swara Sangama Sangeetha Vidyalaya to train clarinet artistes, Pt. Vadavati has performed in all prestigious Sabhas in India and abroad. He was the Chairperson of Sangeet Nritya Academy-Karnataka for one term and his art is recognised by various Universities.

Dec. 31: Mysore Ananth and Vidushi Prasanthi

Mysore Ananth formally began learning music at the age of 6 from Sunanda Chandramouli. Expressing a keen desire to pursue advanced training, he came under the tutelage of B.U.Ganesh Prasad in 2009. He has also received guidance from Bangalore S. Shankar and is currently receiving advanced training from Kunnakudi Balamurali Krishna.

Ananth is a regular performer at South Indian Music Academy Aradhanas [SIMA], Los Angeles Shiva Vishnu temple of San Diego and Hindu Temple Malibu for various events. He performs regularly during the Chennai Music season. He has participated and won several awards in the senior category at Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival including R.K. Srikantan Gold Medal. He has also won special Award at Chicago Thyagaraja Utsavam.

Vidushi Kalamandalam Prasanthi is a post-graduate and preparing of Ph.D in Performing Arts [Kutiyattam], a rare Sanskrit theatre from Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University of Arts and Culture, Kerala.

She has participated in all major festivals in India and abroad to name a few: Nalanda Nrithyothsava, Mumbai, Dubai Festival and Delhi Sanskrit Drama Festival. She has also conducted workshops, Lecture /Demonstrations in [Kutiyattam] for young artistes. She is not only a performer but also an established choreographer of repute.

Raaga Yajna on Dec. 29 at Ganabharathi Rangamandira

Ganabharathi has organised Raaga Yajna on Dec. 29 at 10.30 am at its Ramabai Govinda Rao Rangamandira in Kuvempunagar. This is a unique educative programme to throw light into the intricacies and nuances of the rare ragas which would be very much useful for the students and aspirants of music.

Prof. R. Visweswaran will be the resource person. The first session of this series will be dealing with the ragas Darbar and Nayaki.

Profile: Prof. R. Visweswaran is an eminent Veena player, composer and teacher. He belongs to an illustrious family of musicians and scholars, and was groomed in his art by his brother R. Seetaram.

Visweswaran's achievements and contribution to music lie across the fields of pedagogy, scholarship, compositions and practical music. Holding a Master's degree in Indology, he

headed the Department of Instrumental Music at the University College of Fine Arts in Mysore for the greater part of his career.

This was the locus of his work as a teacher and the arena for the development of his musical pedagogy. He has written and published extensively on the subject.

As a practical musician, he has performed in India and other countries, some important engagements being those at the National Veena Festival in Bhopal, the International Music Conference in London, the Edinburgh Music Festival, the Aberdeen Music Festival and the Queen's Festival at Belfast.

His new raga compositions include Enakshi, Smriti, Antarakaisiki, and Rajarajeshwari. Among his students are Suma Sudhindra, N. R. Prashanth and Nagamani Srinath. Among his publications are Vaaggeya Visweswari, Facts of Music and Sangeeta Shastra Rasaayana.

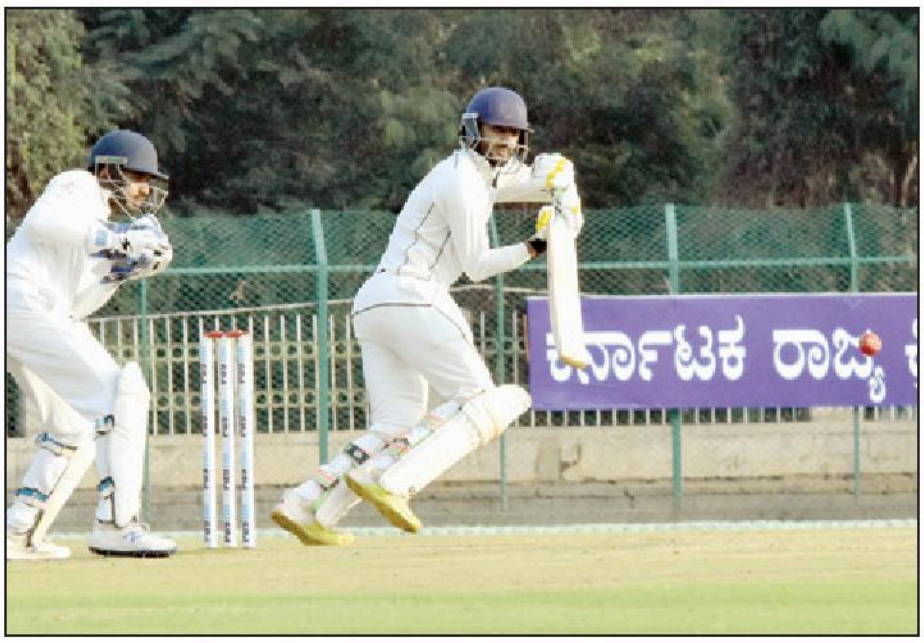
For his wide ranging work in music, Visweswaran has been honoured by several organisations. These honours include Sangeeta Choodamani title conferred by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai and K.K.M.M. Chowdiah National Award bestowed by the Academy of Music, Bangalore.

Visweswaran received Sangeet Natak Akademi Tagore Award for his contribution to Karnatak instrumental music (Veena).

Ranji Trophy: Karnataka Vs Himachal Pradesh

Himachal gains first innings lead

Priyanshu Khanduri, Nikhil Gangta, Rishi Dhawan excel



Rishi Dhawan of Himachal Pradesh steering the ball enroute to his unbeaten 72 against Karnataka at SDNR Wadiyar Grounds here on Thursday.
Pic. right: ***Speedster V. Koushik being greeted by his Karnataka teammates after he picked up a wicket.***

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Inspiring and responsible batting by opener Priyanshu Khanduri (69, 240b, 8x4), all rounder Rishi Dhawan (72 n.o, 96b, 7x4, 3x6) and middle-order batsman Nikhil Gangta (46, 103b, 5x4, 1x6), helped Himachal Pradesh to wrest the initiative at the end of the second-day's play in the four-day Elite Group Ranji Trophy encounter against hosts Karnataka, by scoring 235/7 in 93 overs at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here on Thursday.

Himachal Pradesh gained the vital first innings lead and led by 69-runs before bad light stopped play early on the second day.

Resuming from their overnight score of 29/3, Himachal Pradesh lost Mayank Dagar (4) early off medium-pacer Abhimanyu Mithun (4/32), but some excellent rear-guard action by opener Priyanshu Khanduri and Nikhil Gangta who added 90 valuable runs for the fifth wicket enabled them to consolidate the innings. Nikhil Gangta was dismissed by left-arm spinner and Mysuru boy J.Suchith (5-122).

Fight-back by Himachal Pradesh

A painstaking knock by opener Priyanshu Khanduri (69) and his will to graft for runs negated Karnataka bowlers' plans for a breakthrough, but his innings helped his team's cause. He along with an enterprising Rishi Dhawan (72 n.o) frustrated Karnataka's bowlers, by adding a valuable 75-runs for the sixth wicket, before medium-pacer Koushik had Khanduri snapped up R. Samarth at first slip (6-197).

Rishi Dhawan impressed by batting freely and took heavy toll of leg-spinner Shreyas Gopal and left-arm spinner J. Suchith. He scored back to back boundaries off Shreyas Gopal and hoisted the leggie over mid-wicket for a massive six. Dhawan also came down the wicket and lofted medium-pacer Prateek Jain over long-on for a huge six.

Medium-pacer V. Kosuhik was the most successful bowler for Karnataka taking 3/48. Left-arm medium-pacer Prateek Jain 2/40, A. Mithun 1/29 and left-arm spinner J. Suchith 1/52 were the other wicket-takers.

Karnataka have to toil hard and if they have to make a come back into the game have to bowl out Himachal Pradesh early on the third day and bat well in their second innings, to give them a semblance of a chance of bowling out their opponents in the second innings. An interesting day's play is in the offing with the hosts fully keyed up to come back into the game.

BRIEF SCORES

Karnataka 166 in 67.2 overs (Karun Nair 81, Shreyas Gopal 27, A.Mithun 21, Kanwar Abhinay 5/37) Vs Himachal Pradesh 235/7 in 93 overs (Rishi Dhawan 72 n.o, Priyanshu Khanduri 69, Nikhil Gangta 3/48, V. Koushik 3/48, Prateek Jain 2/40).

Channabasavanna Memorial Trophy presented to 'El Tycoon'

M.C. Somashekar, Hon. Secretary, Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Mysuru, presenting "The P.M. Channabasavanna Memorial Trophy" to P.C.Tejaswi, Trainer of 'El Tycoon' which won the event in the Mysore Races held on Dec. 25 at Mysore Race Course. The winning horse, owned by Poorna Chandra Tejaswi and P.T. Girish, was ridden by Jockey V.R. Jagadeesh. Others seen are H.K. Ramesh, M.S. Yeshwanth, Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao (MRC Chairman), M.C. Mallikarjun, B.U. Chengappa, T.D. Mahesh and Y.P. Udaya Shanker.

UoM Athletic team

The University of Mysore (UoM) Athletic team which will be taking part in All India Inter-University Meet from Jan.2 to Jan. 6 at Alva's Educational Institutions, Moodabidri. The meet is organised by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. Seen are (standing from left) B. Manush, G.L. Tejas, B.K. Bhavana, U.R. Vybhav and Mohammed Saqlain Ahmed; (sitting from left) Dr. B. Sadashiva Bhat, Manager, Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director, DPE, V. Ambika, Captain and G.R. Prabhakar, Coach.

MDFA 'B' Division Football League-2019 from Jan. 2

Mysuru, Dec. 27- The Mysore District Football Association (MDFA) will be conducting MDFA 'B' division football league 2019-20 for Govindaraju Memorial Trophy at University football grounds from Jan. 2, 2020. Kickers FC, Dynamics FC, Mysore Muslims FC, Soniya FC, Govt. Press FC, Lions FC, KSRTC FC, KR Mill FC are the teams that will be taking part in the matches which will be played on a league-cum-knock-out basis.

'Vaastu' is not meant for making money: Sanskrit University VC

Mysuru, Dec.27(PM&DM)- Asserting that *Vaastushastra*(Vaastu Science) is an integral part of Indian culture, Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor Prof.V. Girishchandra maintained that *Vaastu* is not a business meant for making money.

He was speaking after inaugurating the third National Vaastu Science Conference organised jointly by Karnataka Sanskrit University, Sri Mayakar Gurukula and Karnataka State Astrologers and Astrological Study Centres Federation (KSAASCF), at Cauvery auditorium of KSOU, Muktagangothri on Hunsur road here recently.

Noting that Astrology is not only a Science but an art as well, he said that *Vaastu* was necessary for leading a simple, contentful and peaceful life. Reiterating that *Vaastu* is not a business, he opined that *Vaastu* will become more popular if it was practised by only those who have best knowledge about the subject.

Pointing out that *Vaastu* Science has been in practise for centuries, he said that *Vaastu* plays an important role in the design of buildings, especially homes and apartments. Underlining the importance of *Vaastu* in most aspects of life, Prof. Girishchandra said this ancient Science shows the way ahead for economic growth, peace of mind and better relationships etc. and added that the Sanskrit University has given permission to 50 Institutions for starting *Vaastu* Science, Astrology and Scripture courses.

Indian Council Of Astrological Science (ICAS) National Vice-president Dr.T.S. Vasan, Karnataka Astrological Science Research Centre President Ganesh Hegde, KSAASCF President Haridas Jujare, Avini Astro Research Centre President Dr.B.N. Anantaraghavan, SPACE President B.K. Sainath, Bengaluru's Bharatiya Jyotishya Vidya Kendra's M. Vasudevamurthy, Bengaluru Jnana Jyothi Jyotishya Vidyakendra Founder President Prof.R. Krishnakumar and *Jyotishya Margasoochi* magazine Editor S. Pranesh, were conferred with 'Lifetime Achievement' award. Meet Souvenir was released on the occasion.

Raman and Rajeshwari Research Foundation, Bengaluru, President Niranjan Babu, Suttur Shivaratreeshwara *Panchanga* maker Dr.K.G. Puttahonaiah, Mayakara Gurukula Founder Dr. Mugur Madhu Dikshit and others were present.

Ten-day 'Nandini Sihi Utsava' begins

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RKB&SD)- The 10-day 'Nandini Sweet Festival' *(Nandini Sihi Utsava)* organised by MyMUL (Mysore District Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd.) was inaugurated by MyMUL Managing Director Dr. M.S. Vijaykumar at the Nandini Milk Parlour on KRS Road, opposite ESI Hospital in city on Dec. 24.

He inaugurated the 10-day 'Nandini Sweet Festival' by launching the latest Nandini product 'Nandini Chakki Laddu,' a new product by MyMUL.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijaykumar said, "From the last three years, MyMUL has been organising Nandini Sweet Festival and releasing a new product every year. Nandini Chakki Laddu is our new special product for this year. We have around 56 varieties of Nandini products. This time, we are introducing a special laddu made of wheat. During this 10-day Nandini Sweet Festival, we are offering 10% discount for sweats and 5% discount for cheese. The festival will be held till Jan. 2."

Nandini Chakki Laddu, is a special laddu made of wheat flour, milk, cashew nuts, ghee and other ingredients.

MYMUL Director K.C. Balaram, A.T. Somashekhar, K.S. Kumar, Dakshayani, Basavaraju, Leela Nagaraju, Director (Technical) Raghu and others were present.

MyMUL Managing Director Dr. M.S. Vijaykumar inaugurating the 10-day 'Nandini Sweet Festival' by launching the latest 'Nandini' product 'Nandini Chakki Laadu,' at the Nandini Milk Parlour on KRS Road, opposite ESI Hospital in city yesterday.

Vinuthana Samsthe confers Sarva Shreshta Sarthaka Seva Award

Mysuru, Dec.27- Marking its 24th Founders Day, Vinuthana Samsthe, Mysuru conferred 'Sarva Shreshta Sarthaka Seva Award' on former Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Dr. Geetha Avadhani at a function held at Town Hall in city recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Retd. Commercial Tax Commissioner (Additional) Puttaraju cautioned the students about mobile addiction. Proprietor of Sri Bhairavi Trading Co., Mysuru, M. Ramu, Proprietor of Gopi and Co., Mysuru, Srinath and Chairman of Avengers Basketball Club, Mysuru, S. Mahadevaswamy, Commercial Tax Officer, Hubballi, R.M. Gogeri, S.B. Kulakarni and Maharani's College Professor Manonmani were present.

Also, the following awards were conferred on various achievers.

Sneha Sheela Kartavya Nishta Award: Prof. M.S. Manonmani, R.M. Gogeri, M.R. Nagendra, V.R. Ramesh, S.B. Kulakarni, K.P. Giridharan, K. Ramamani, M. Mahadevaswamy, Shivanan-jegowda, Sudarshan, Shambhulinga and Nataraj.

Sharada Suthe/Sutha Award - SSLC: M.R. Siri, T. Satwik Gowda, G. Dhruti, S. Kavya, Monisha Suresh, K.R. Yashas, A. Lavanya, Prarthana, Varsha R. Chavan, K.M. Apeksha, K.R. Yashika, S. Rachana, Chaitra, K.A. Nisarga and M.P. Sinchana. **PUC - Science:** S. Abhay, D. Manjunath and S. Chandramohan. **Commerce:** K.R. Nityasree and **Arts:** Bhumika Rajendra.

Matrubhasha Visharada Award: SSLC: N.V. Samyama, M.S. Mahalakshmi, Anusha, H.Y. Rahul Yadav, B.N. Anjali, S. Ravikumar, J. Sumitra, Sri-Gowri Subramanya, P. Raksha, N. Tejaswini, S. Shreyas, N. Dakshayani and A.M. Manoj Chakravarti. **PUC:** K.A. Hemanth and A. Girijasri.

Young Achievers of the Year: K.P. Priyadarshan (Yoga), Amulya Narayan (Yoga), R. Gagan (Yoga), Karen Marshall (Cycling), Tushara N. Bharadwaj (Mono Acting), Diya R. Dhareera (Drawing), R. Harshini (Athletics), Mohit N. Raj (Discus Throw), Akshay A. Patil (Mridanga), R. Shakti (Wrestling), Vineet A. Kashyap (Sports Dance), Sakshi C. Shetty (Drawing), A. Sinchana (Violin), Amrita P. Shenoy (Vedic Maths), B.V. Spoorti (Bharatnatyam), L. Sahana (Bharatnatyam) and C. Chandrashekar (Differently-abled).

Footpath Encroachments

Ten shops demolished on Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Road

Mysuru, Dec.27 (RK&KS)- The MCC Zone-5 officials, following several complaints from the public undertook a drive on Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Main Road in Vijayanagar and demolished nearly 10 petty shops that had encroached the footpath this morning.

Zonal Officer Nagaraju, along with the Developmental Officer, Works Inspectors and Abhaya team conducted the drive from 9 am and cleared the footpaths. Vijayanagar Police provided security during the drive.

D.K. Shivakumar leads the race for KPCC President's post

Shivakumar

Bengaluru, Dec.27 (KMS&DM)- Senior Congress leader and former Minister D.K. Shivakumar is likely to be appointed as the new KPCC President. The Congress High Command may announce the new KPCC President by new year.

The post had fallen vacant after Dinesh Gundu Rao quit following the Congress party's poor show in the by-polls to 15 Assembly segments held on Dec.5.

Although there were names of D.K. Shivakumar, M.B. Patil and K.H. Muniyappa doing rounds, the Party High Command is said to have decided on Shivakumar, who is considered as the party's trouble shooter and his appointment will be announced in a couple of days, according to sources.

Attempt to burgle house

Mysuru, Dec.27 (RK&DM)-The alertness of neighbours forced the burglars who had gained entry into a house late night at SVP Nagar in Alanahalli Police Station limits, to abort their robbery bid and flee from the spot.

Burglars who forcibly gained entry into the house of one Somanna at first cross in SVP Nagar on Dec. 22, which was reportedly sealed by the Income Tax authorities recently, were in search of valuables, when neighbours who heard a noise raised an alarm.

Soon as the alarm was raised, the burglars fled from the spot and escaped under the cover of darkness.

Following a complaint from house owner Somanna, Alanahalli Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Two injured as bike rams into pedestrian

Mysuru, Dec.27 (RK&KS)- A bike rider and a pedestrian were injured in a road accident at Raghavendranagar here on Wednesday evening.

The injured are Bhootesh of Raghavendranagar and Manjunath, who are being admitted to a private hospital in city.

Bhootesh was crossing the road in front of Kendriya Vidyalaya, when Manjunath, who was proceeding on his bike from Jyothinagar side rammed into him resulting in both suffering injuries.

Siddarthanagar Traffic Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

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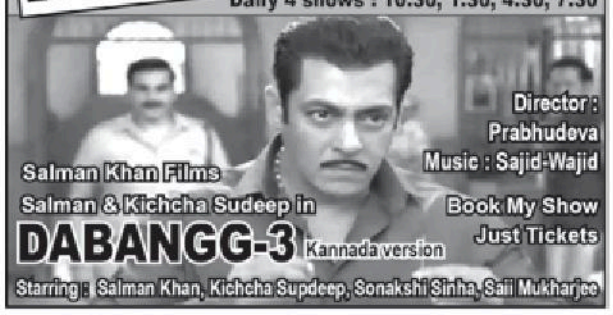
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WORD OF THE DAY

Haggard

Pronunciation: HAG-urd.
Meaning: Of a hawk : not tamed; wild in appearance; having a worn or emaciated appearance : gaunt.
Origin: Haggard comes from falconry, the sport of hunting with a trained bird of prey. The birds used in falconry were not bred in captivity until very recently. Traditionally, falconers trained wild birds that were either taken from the nest when quite young or trapped as adults. A bird trapped as an adult is termed a haggard, from the Middle French hagard. Such a bird is notoriously wild and difficult to train, and it wasn't long before the falconry sense of haggard was being applied in an extended way to a "wild" and intractable person. Next, the word came to express the way the human face looks when a person is exhausted, anxious, or terrified. Today, the most common meaning of haggard is "gaunt" or "worn."
Example: "When I met her at her subsidized apartment in the fall of 2018, she still had the haggard air of someone learning how to use the subway, navigate welfare programs, and raise two children by herself in an alien country." — Doug Bock Clark.

THE ODD WORD

Halitosis
Bad breath.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

As happy as a sandboy

Meaning: Very happy and content.

Origin: American readers will probably be more familiar with 'as happy as a clam', which originated in the USA in the 19th century. The Australian version is 'as happy as Larry', which (probably) originated there. Other creatures that are reputedly more than usually happy are 'larks', 'dogs with two tails' and 'pigs in shit'. The word 'sandboy' brings to mind images of a child playing on the beach, making sand-castles and the like. In fact, sandboy was the name of those who delivered sand to public houses, theatres and homes in the 18th and 19th centuries. Children were used in that trade, but most sandboys were adults. This use of 'boy' has frequently been used for low-status male workers, as in tea-boy, barrow-boy, house-boy etc.
The use that the sand was put to was as a crude floor covering - a precursor to sawdust in what later became known as 'spit and sawdust' establishments - public spitting wasn't then reviled as it is now. The earliest printed citation of the phrase that I can find is from Pierce Egan's Real Life in London, 1821: "...appeared to be as happy as a sand-boy, who had unexpectedly met with good luck in disposing of his hampers full of the above-household commodity. "

QUOTE BOX

Time is like a handful of sand, the tighter you grasp it, the faster it runs through your fingers.— **Anonymous**

RIDDLE THIS

What has many rings, but no fingers?

Answer :A telephone.

SUDOKU

4				5	7			2
		5				8	4	
9							6	
		7			9			
	3		5		4		9	
			7			3		
	4							5
	5	1				6		
3			2	8				1

Answer to previous puzzle

4	5	7	9	2	8	6	1	3
2	8	9	1	6	3	4	5	7
3	6	1	5	4	7	9	2	8
9	2	3	7	5	1	8	6	4
5	4	6	2	8	9	7	3	1
7	1	8	6	3	4	5	9	2
1	9	5	8	7	2	3	4	6
8	3	2	4	9	6	1	7	5
6	7	4	3	1	5	2	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

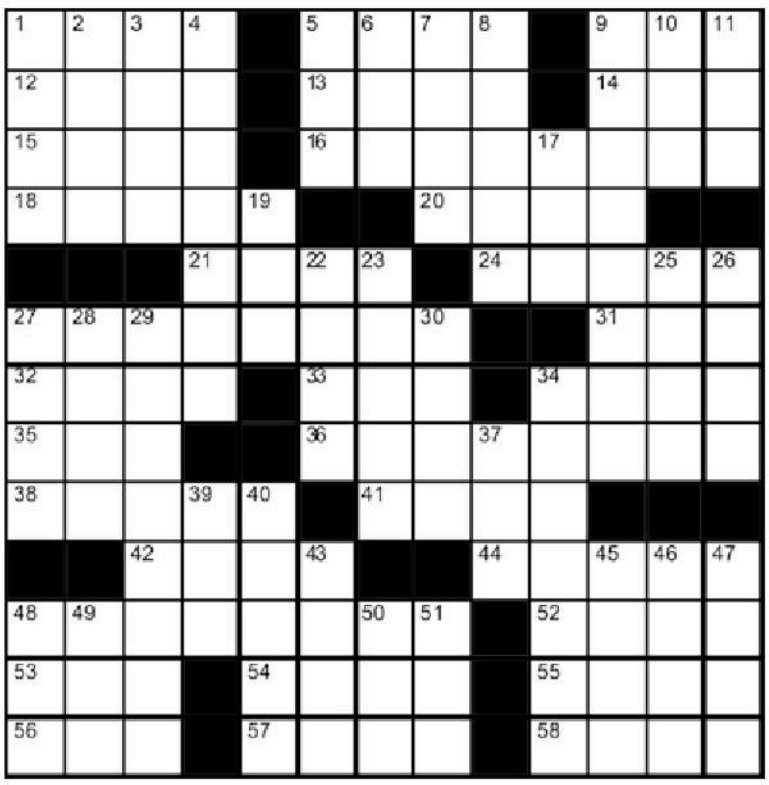
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Spanish river
5 Dare, old style English
9 Instrument Landing Sys.
12 Co-operative, abbr. (2-2)
13 "Solo" anagram for a capital city in Europe
14 Pinch or bite
15 Letters before a phone number, maybe
16 West Indies paceman ___ Walsh
18 Made __ __ : employed? (3,2)
20 Spiritual teacher
21 Look at
24 Kitchen tool
27 Representative or agent
31 Nothing ; a big zero?
32 Hebrew month
33 Latin trio
34 Halls, theatres
35 Pet name for Louis?
36 "The Lost Symbol" author (3,5)
38 Hazira-based steel mills ___ Steel Limited
41 A long way down
42 Town in MP
44 Belonging to those people
48 Fungal skin disease
52 Therefore in Latin
53 International news giants
54 Hold as an opinion
55 ____ to be : was?
56 Grow old or mature
57 Belgian river
58 Groups or collections

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	V	E	R	■	K	I	P	■	S	L	E	W
A	O	P	A	■	I	R	A	■	C	O	L	E
S	W	I	N	D	L	E	D	■	H	U	L	L
■	■	■	D	O	N	■	U	N	I	T	E	D
T	U	D	O	R	■	U	K	E	S	■	■	■
A	T	O	M	■	E	N	O	R	M	I	T	Y
L	A	U	■	E	A	T	N	O	■	N	E	O
C	H	R	I	S	T	I	E	■	O	R	A	L
■	■	■	B	A	A	L	■	C	L	E	R	K
L	Y	C	E	U	M	■	P	O	D	■	■	■
O	M	A	R	■	E	P	I	D	E	M	I	C
D	C	L	I	■	A	O	N	■	S	A	M	E
I	A	M	A	■	L	E	K	■	T	O	P	S

DOWN
1 Unbleached linen
2 Honcho or supervisor
3 Wander without settled destination
4 He resists
5 Doctor
6 Kyushu mountain
7 Garden pest
8 A large convex moulding - "tours" anagram?
9 Hint; aspersion
10 Untruth, fib
11 Secret agent
17 Three as a prefix
19 Flight Control Sys.
22 Among, in the company of
23 River nymph
25 Scene, picture or sight
26 Dashing style
27 An auction, perhaps
28 Bustles or fuss
29 Famous Swiss city
30 Highest single digit
34 He sought Eurydice in the underworld
37 Stake or risk
39 Par. neighbour
40 Boisterous
43 "Nose" anagram for dissenters?
45 Gaelic language
46 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
47 Ingots for, perhaps, Laver and Steiger?
48 Record company ___ Victor
49 Present participle suffix?
50 Female ruff
51 Multi-Mode receiver



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

U MVJ XUD EYUSJM RUMKNUZ UYLFDA ERJ NLYMA

NRVMJ ERJ EYFER VH IFEEVDQ LD VEH HRLJH.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Avane Srimannarayana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Odeya	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Bramhachari	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Baddi Magan Lifu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakasha			
	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
HINDI			
Dabangg - 3	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Good Newwz	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Prati Roju Pandaage	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
----	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows

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Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	8am,11.30am,3pm,6.30pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.55 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	10 pm
	(S-3)	11.25 am
	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Spies in Disguise (E-3D)	(S-2)	9 am
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakasha (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Thrissur Pooram (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Baddi Magan Lifu (K)	(S-3)	2.00 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-3)	6.50 pm

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Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	12 noon, 3.40 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	8.30 am, 2.20 pm, 6.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.40 am
	(S-4)	8.10 am, 9.20 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	9.15 am
	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-4)	12.05 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Spies in Disguise (E)	(S-2)	12.05 pm
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Baddi Magan Lifu (K)	(S-4)	6.35 pm

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Good Newwz (H)	9.05 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 3.25 pm
	4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Spies In Disguise (E-3D)	10.40 am, 7.15 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	10.45 am, 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm
	9.35 pm, 10 pm
Odeya (K)	12.05 pm
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	1.05 pm
Dabangg 3 (H)	3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	6.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 27)

Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery: 'Varnaavarana,' solo art expo by S. Vinod, Gallery premises, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 6.30 pm.**

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Palace premises, **up to 9 pm.**

Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Expo, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**

Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs: 'Cake Utsav' as part of Winter Festival, Nanjaraja Bahadur (NR) Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 10 pm;** Cake Eating Contest for college boys, **4 pm** and other men, **5 pm;** Cultural programmes, **6 pm.**

Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat - Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru: 18th anniversary celebrations and conferring of 'Kadali Sri' award on Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti, Vachana Gayana by Gowrishankar Mahila Vedike, Srirampura and Mahalakshmi Mahila Vedike, Agrahara, **4 pm;** Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Apparao Akkone presides, Davanagere University retd. VC Dr. Indumati inaugurates, Directorate of Field Publicity, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting-Mysuru Assistant Director Dr. T.C. Poornima chief guest, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President G.R. Parameshwarappa will be present, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Niranthara Ranga Utsava, 'Keelu Kudure' by Krishnaveni Velu Folk Dance Troupe, Mysuru, 5.30 pm; Festival Inauguration and Book Release function, H.S. Umesh, theatre director, Jayaram Rayapura, Commissioner, Income Tax Department, Chennai, Indira Nayar, senior theatre artiste, Preethi Nagaraj, journalist and Prasad Kundooru, Managing Director, Niranthara, Mysuru, will be the guests, Jayaram Rayapura's two drama books will be released, 6 pm; Staging of play 'Arcadiyadalli Puck' (Director: Chandradasan) by Sanchari Ranga Ghataka of Rangayana Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar: 29th Annual Day celebrations, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath presides, ZP CEO K. Jyothi chief guest, Airports Authority of India (Mysuru) Airport Director R. Manjunath guest of honour, Parivarthana School and PU College Dean and Managing Director R.A. Chethan Ram delivers valedictory address, School premises, **5.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust and Department of Kannada and Culture: 'Guru Namana' in memory of Natyacharya late M. Vishnudas and 'Noopurotsava,' 'Guru Namana' will be offered to Natyaguru Vishnudas, disciples of Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao will present 'Vishnudas Baani' Bharatanatyam, **6.15 pm;** Conferring of 'Noopurashree' award pm Vid. K. Guruprasad, art patron K.V. Murthy presides, Vidu. Pankaja Ramakrishnaiah chief guest, **7.15 pm;** Performances continues, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7.45 pm onwards.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Sanskrit Sangha, Maharani's Science College for Women and *Sudharma* **Sanskrit Daily Paper:** Releasing of two Books — *Kavya Bhoomika -1* (Text book for 1st B.Sc.) and *Kavya Pramodah -1* (Text book for 1st BCA), Vid. Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, retd. Senior Researcher, Oriental Research Institute (ORI), Mysuru, chief guest; *Sudharma* Editor K.V. Sampathkumar releases the books, College Principal Prof. S.B. Shanthappanavar presides, Sankrit HoD and Editor Dr. D. Sheela Kumari will be present, AV Hall, College premises, **4 pm.**

Vanitha Sadana (Smt. Susheela Bai & Sri.Nagesh Rao Educational & Charitable Trust): 82nd annual day celebrations, Chiguru Ashram Founder Sushma Ravikumar, chief guest, Akashavani Station Director (Retd.) Dr. M. S. Vijaya Haran presides, Vanitha Sadana premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **4.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 28)

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS PU College: Valedictory function of Cultural Forum and Sports Activities, DDPU Dr. B.N. Nagarathna presides, Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju, chief guest, Folk Scholar & Kannada Development Authority member Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj delivers valedictory address, College premises, J.P. Nagar, **10.30 am.**

Vanitha Sadana (Nursery, Higher Primary and High School): Annual day, Prof. M.G. Prasad, retd. Assistant Commissioner, Dept. of Customs and Excise (GoI), chief guest, Prof. R.A. Kumar, retd. Principal, PES Educational Institutions, Mandya, presides, Vanitha Sadana premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**

Sri Saraswath Institute (Civil Services Examination Training Centre) and University of Mysore (UoM): One-day workshop for 'IAS and KAS Aspirants', UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa inaugurates, C. V. Gopinath, former Additional Secretary, GoI, J. Pramodkumar, Resource Person- KAS 2014 Batch, Taukheer Jafar, Resource Person from Chanakya IAS Academy, New Delhi, Niranjan Murthy, Assistant Director, College Education Dept., JSS Mahavidyapeetha, and Chandrashekhar, ACP, Mysore Palace, chief guests, Sri Saraswath Institute Chief N. Vasanth Kumar presides, Humanities Auditorium, Manasagangothri Campus, **10.30 am.**

JSS College for Women: 12th Graduates' Day, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji graces the occasion, Justice B.S. Patil, Upa Lokayukta, chief guest, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha presides, Navajyothi Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **11 am.**

JSS Science and Technology University: 2nd Convocation, Suttur Seer graces the occasion, Dr. Rajkumar Kathri, Addl. Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary, Dept. of High Education, chief guest, delivers convocation address; JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and Technical Education Division Advisor Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, special invitees, University Campus, **4 pm.**

Jana Chaitanya Foundation and Jai Bhuvaneshwari Seva Trust: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar 63rd Parinirvan Day, Seminar on 'Indian Constitution — Current Challenges and Civic Responsibilities,' Prof. R. Mahadevappa, Gen. Secretary, Karnataka Buddhadhamma Samithi, inaugurates, Progressive Thinker Prof. Shabbir Mustafa, Secretary, MESCO Association, presides, writer & Progressive Thinker N. Diwakar speaks, Dr. E. Rathi Rao, President, Akhila Bharata Pratipara Mahila Sangha, former Mayor Narayan and others chief guests, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **4.30 pm.**

Swara Sagara Music Foundation: Swaraamrutha - 4 music programme, Kalamandira, **5 pm [Entry free].**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shivakantananda speaks on 'Kenopanishad', Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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